in respect to which Mr. Tilton says:

I won't undertake to quote the exact words, but the picture was like this: He drew the figure of a man sli-ting on a brink, and said that he was dizzy, and was like one on the edge of hell.

Q. Did you use an expression of that kind ! A. I did not. I might well have done it. Q. During that conversation was this subject spoken of. in words like these, that you spoke to the effect that you

were in great grief through Mr. Bowen's action in his case-the termination of his engagements with Mr. Bowen's papers-and that you felt that Bowen's suddealy changed mind had been largely owing to statements which Mrs. Beecher had made to Mr. Bowen, and to statements which you yourself had made, though you said that Mrs. Beecher had been more mischievous in he utterances than yourself-was there any talk of that kind! A. I think that is a very garbled statement of the early part of the interview, when I expressed my regrets interference with his affairs with Mr. Bowen; but so far as it regards my wife, I did not say that I regarded her interference as more mischievous than mine.

Q. Did you mention to him at this Interview that you had voluntarily written a letter to Mr. Bowen that day or the day before, in which you had taken back some of the unkind utterances or injurious statements ! A. I may have stated it : I den't remember. I had written

the letter. Q. And sent it ! A. And sent it. I don't remember

mentioning it in that interview. Q. The day before you did that, the 2.1 f A. I did, early on New-Year's morning; that is, the secular new year,

the 24 of January. Q. How soon after this, Mr. Beecher, did you have an interview with Mr. Moulton or Mr. Tilton ! This was on or about the 3d f A. On or about the 3d, I take it. I suspect there was not any time until the 13th or 14th, in which I didn't see Mr. Moulton every day; sometimes they were short-conversations brief; sometimes they were long and serious: but this was the last interview, Mr. Evarts, I think, until some time in February, in which the subject of my relation to Mr. Tilton's disaster in business and distress in his household was discussed again. From this time forward our interviews concerned

Q. In regard to Mr. Tilton's affairs! A. To rebuild—to restore Mr. Tilton to his position and to prosperity, and "to rebaild the household," were almost the eatch-

Q. Now, did you have, about this time, between the 3d and the middle, or whatever limit you fix now your almost daily interviews-did you have a definite conversation with Mr. Moulton, about the 7th, or thereabouts, of January, in regard to Mr. Bowen ! A. I did; I had several preilminary or sequential interviews; but there was one that stands out very distinctly in my remem brance; one before the interview of Mr. Moulton with Mr. Bowen, and one immediately following it, I think the very next day.

Q. What was the course of the interview between Mr. oulton and yourself when this topic of Mr. Bowen was the prominent one? A. My impression is that it was a conversation in which Mr. Titton and Mr. Moulton and myself were present in the parlor of Mr. Moulton's house. I know I had some conversations with Mr. Moulton separately; and I think they led to this very general conversation in the presence of Mr. Tilton: I think that they were the reasons of those; and they turned-the conversation turned on the subject of Mr. Bowen's treachery toward Mr. Tilton and toward me. Mr. Beach-Do I understand that Mr. Tilton was pres

Q. Is that the date, the 7th f A. It was somewhere be-

fore Jan. 10, I think. Mr. Evarts-On or about Jan. 101 A. On or about.

My only way of fixing landmarks is by my lecture en gagements. I know by the situation of those about what the topics were, and then I have, on part of my lecture, the dates where I was and when I was out of town, and so I throw these conversations into the periods where they must have come. The dates I could not fix, except in some such way as that; and they are liable, most of them, to shift a day or two, except those of the 26th of December, 30th of December, 31st of December, and Jan. 1. Those are not movable feasts in the calendar. Mr. Evarts [to Mr. Beach-That is an interview con-

cerning which Mr. Moulton testified. I can refer you to the passage; it is one of Mr. Moulton's narratives. I suppose all the interviews between Mr. Beecher and Mr. Moulton during this period ought to be in evidence; but ut which Mr. Moulton spoke The Witness-All interviews were not with Mr. Tilton

## THE MEASURES FOR FORCING MR. BOWEN TO DO JUSTICE.

Mr. Everts-Whether Mr. Tilton was present or not, they ought to be in evidence; but this is one about which Mr. Moulton has spoken. [To the witness.] Now, Sir, how did Mr. Moulton introduce this interview, or the topic about Mr. Bowent A. Well, Mr. Moulton's mind was not resting any more upon me. He had secured a passable peace between Mr. Tilton and me, and we were all joining forces, in some sense, taking counsel how Mr. Tilton's mishaps might be repaired. I was earnestly desirons to do snything that—
Mr. Fullerton—That is not the conversation; that is

Mr. Evarts-How did the matter come up; how did Mr. Moulton introduce the matter! A. I cannot say how he introduced it; I can say what were the topics that were discussed, not precisely in their order, but the sub stance of the conversations; I can give the discussion, or rather the substance of the matter discussed, if you

Q. Well, was the subject of your previous relations with Mr. Bowen introduced by Mr. Moulton in any way ! A. It was very thoroughly brought into view; he wanted me to give him an account of my difficulties and my relations with Mr. Bowen ; he wanted to explore the ground, and see exactly where Mr. Bowen stood and where I stood, and I gave him therefore a succinct view of what I thought of Mr. Bowen : and then I went back and gave him a view of the principal points of the difficulty that had sprung up between Mr. Bowen and myself, and I gave him an account of the interview for the purpose of reconciling all difficulties that had taken place between Mr. Bowen and myself in January and February of 1870. Q. At Mr. Freeland's house f A. At Mr. Freeland's

Q. Spoken of before? A. I answered all the questions that were put to me as to what Mr. Bowen's nature was, and how he was accessible, and what would be likely to follow, and if he would not be likely to fail with an endeavor to make him do justice to Mr. Tilton. Q Now, at that interview, was anything said to you

writing to Mr. Bowen! A. I understood that Mr. Tilton was preparing a documentary exhibit which it was hoped would bring Mr. Bowen to a discharge of his obligation; but no letter was ever shown me until the year 1872, but some of the subject matters contained in this exhibit, or document, or whatever it might be, were presence; but it was rather the discussion-I heard it as something between them rather than anything addressed

Q. That is the letter of January 1, from Mr. Tilton to Mr. Bowen, which you say you never saw until 1872! A. I never saw the letter. I cannot say that letter is what they discussed, but I never saw any letter at that time,

nor any written document at that time.

Q. On that subject? A. On that subject, and the letter hich is included in what is called The Golden Age article I didn't see until after March of 1872.

Q. That letter, then, was subsequently appended with The Golden Age article, or as a part of The Golden Age article in the "Tripartite Agreement!" A. In the "Tri-

partite Agreement," yes, Sir.
Q. And before that time that letter you had not seen t

A. No, Sir; I had never seen it. Q. Had it been read to you, or had it been in your pres ence! A. I never saw any manuscript of that kind that I recollect. I heard that he was preparing a business document, and I heard of the topics that, more or less, were going into it discussed between Mr. Moulton and Mr. Tilton. I may have had single questions or answers put to me; If so I do not recall them as separable from e conversation about it between Mr. Moulton and Mr.

Judge Neilson-But was the paper read in your hearing 1 A. The paper never was read in my hearing.

Mr. Evarts—Never was in your presence 1 A. Never

was in my hands, nor in my presence, nor read, nor any part of it read, although the contents that were to be

Q. Now, what was said to you-was anything said to you by Mr. Moulton as to Mr. Bowen's motives or reasons for making any such charges against you! A. I don't recollect in that precise form anything of the kind. Mr Moulton asked me distinctly whether the stories that Mr. Bowen had told Mr. Tilton, and which Mr. Tilton had read in some instances, whether there was any truth in them, and whether I was afraid of Mr. Bowen on account of those stories; and I told him, "No, I defy him to his face before the whole world." These stories I was not

atraid of in the slightest degree ! Q. Now, Sir, in what terms did Mr. Moulton express himself after your conversation with him on these topics in regard to Mr. Bowen's conduct toward you and toward Ms Tilton ! A. Well, Sir, he exhausted language in the intensity of his condemnation of Mr. Bowen's course.

as you sat near the bed, and using a figure of this kind, He thought it to be dishenest and cruel and treacherous, and in every way mean, and these words were not spoken but fulminated; that is, they had adjectives before them. Q. Did he say anything as to his view of Mr. Bowen's rposes in using Mr. Tilton against you, and you against Q. Well, what did he say ! A. He said that he meant

to employ Mr. Tilton to destroy me, and me to destroy Mr. Tilton. We were to have eaten each other up and left the track clear to him. Q. Did you at this interview give Mr. Moulton a full

count of your interview with Mr. Bowen at Mr. Free-Q. And of its results! A. I did, and he was herror struck with the narrative that I gave; he questioned me

whether it was possible. Q. Did you mention to Mr. Bowen and Mr. Moulton at that time the conclusion in your public statement at the clurch of the settlement between Mr. Bowen and yourself ! A. Yes, Sir : I gave him a very graphic account of the interview and its sequences, and of the reconciliation ratified in Plymouth Church at the close of the Friday night prayer-meeting between Mr. Moulton and myself.

MR. BEECHER LAUGHS AT MR. BOWEN'S CHARGES.

Q. Now, in whatever statements Mr. Moulton made to you containing any contents or proposed contents of the letter or document that Mr. Tilton was preparing for Mr. Bowen, were there any names or details given you concerning any of the charges against you? A. You will have to repeat that sentence again, Sir.

Q. In the conversation which occurred, in which Mr. Moulton said more or less about what was in or was to be in a letter or document Mr. Tilton was preparing for use with Mr. Bowen, were the particulars or names of the instances of charges against you mentioned? A. I do not know that it was mentioned in regard to their being incladed in that document; while we were talking about that we were also talking about Mr. Bowen and about his charges, and it was a general conversation, not historically and logically arranged at all, and in that conversation, which was part and parcel of his preparing this document, his charges were mentioned and discussed; they were not mentioned, however, to me first,

as they appeared afterward in the letter. Q. Well, did Mr. Moulton say that Mr. Beecher charged that you had confessed adultery to him! A. I—he did yes, he said so. I was only hesitating as to whether it was in that interview or not. He said so at some one of the interviews and about that time.

Q. At about this time ? A. Yes, Sir. Weil, what did you reply to that! A. I think I laughed. I denied it. When I confess adultery to Mr. Bowen I am sure it would be impressed upon my mind. Q. Did you say to him on that subject whether or no Mr. Bowen had ever made any such charge or imputation to you personally ! A. I said to him that from the origin of the difficulties between Mr. Bowen and me, down to February, or January and February, 1870, and, sgain, December 26, there had been several adjudications, arbitrations, that is; there had been many conversations, but Mr. Bowen had never had any difficulty with me ex-

cept business difficulties, and that he never under any

circumstances had made a statement which implicated my moral character. Q. Now, Sir, in this conversation what was said by Mr-Bowen in regard to the treatment or management of Mr Tilton's pecuniary claim against Mr. Bowen-about its being carried into court, or what not 1 A. He spoke of it, I recollect distinctly, as a thing which was inevitable that he was bound to see justice done to Theodore Tilte He spoke of it with an intensity and an enthusiasm that aired, that excited my admiration for his fidelity to his friend, and as I am inexpert in business I felt un-

bounded confidence in his resources to carry out a business arrangement, and listened to him with admiration. Q. Now, did Mr. Moulton during this interview, or at any interview, say to you that he, Moulton, did not wish you to carry the claim of Mr. Tilton against Mr. Bowen into court if taking it into court was going to rip up you relations with Mr. Tilton's family ! A. No, Sir; no, Sir;

Q. Nothing of the kind! A. Nothing of the kind; if you think of it when you come to another interview-Mr. Fullerton-One moment.

Mr. Evarts-That is enough. One interview is enough

The Witness [to Mr. Beach]-I shall gradually learn to Q. Did Mr. Moulton tell you that he would rather pay Mr. Tilton what Mr. Bowen owed him than to rip up your relations with Mr. Tilton's family, or anything to that

Q. Do you recollect, Mr. Beecher, during this conversation, when you were discussing the points and difficulties that had existed and been adjusted between you and Mr. Bowen, whether any memorandum of the points was spoken of and brought out in any way! A. Yes, Sir, it was spoken of. I told Mr. Moulton that I had at home somewhere (for then I kept a few of my own documents)-that I had a memorandum of the point which were in discussion at the interview between Mr.

Bowen and myself-the last interview. Q. At Mr. Freeland's A. At Mr. Freeland's.

A. Well A. He wanted me to bring them to him, and I think the next day probably, but immediately after, or

Q. Did you deliver that paper to Mr. Moulton at or about that time—at that interview, or soon after? A. It was at about that time that I began to put all my documents into his hands, and I put that in. It was the first

Mr. Evarts-That is Exhibit 107. It is marked only for

Mr. Morris-Marked by you. I do not find it. You had it, and did not put it in. I have not seen it since. The original was marked for identification by you. Mr. Evarts-That paper was in Bowen's handwriting?

A. Yes, Sir. Q. Just look at that [handing paper to witness] and see f that is your recollection of the contents of the paper? A. Yes, Sir.

Mr. Evarts-The original paper, if your Honor please, was before us in court and was marked for identification, out between the counsel on one side and the other, it is not to be found.

Judge Neilson-Have you a copy, Sirt Mr. Evarts-We have this printed copy, which we all

know to be a copy.

Judge Neilson—I presume there will be no objection to

Mr. Evarts-We now put it in evidence, it being one the papers which passed between Mr. Moulton and Mr. Mr. Fullerton -Subject to correction if we find the

Mr. Evarts-Oh, yes, Sir, of course. This memorandum

is this-I believe it has been read, hasn't it ? Mr. Fullerton-No, Sir.

Mr. Evarts-[Reading.]

First-Report and publish Sermons and Lecture-room Talks. ond-New edition Plymouth Collection, and Free-

iand's interest.

Third—Explanations to Church.

Fourth-Write me a letter. Fifth-Retract in every quarter what has been said to

[To the witness.]-The words "use" and "my" mean Mr. Bowen there! A. I understand it so. Q. Yes, it is his memorandum! A. It is his memoran-

Q. Of the topics-and did those form the topics of the conversation had between you and Mr. Bowen, as you described it to Mr. Moulton! A. They did; I took each the conversation between Mr. Bowen and me was on each

Mr. Morris-The one following, Mr. Evarts, was marked for identification also. If you do not find it, we had better have it understood that either party may use that one also. It was marked by you for identification. [Showing book to Mr. Evarts.] We had better have it understood that, in case the original is not found, either one ca

Mr. Beach-I have a recollection that there was some thing else attached to this, [i. e., the document just read

Mr. Morris-I am calling his attention now to the fact that they were marked for identification by them. Mr. Beach-We want the same liberty you have to

Mr. Evarts-Oh, yes : if the paper cannot be found. Mr. Morris-There were two papers; I have not found them; whether you returned them or not I do not know. but they were both marked by your side for identification; I don't know whether we have them or you have

Mr. Fullerton-Well, substitute the original when Mr. Shearman produces it.

MR. MOULTON AVERSE TO ARBITRATION. Mr. Evarts-Now, after going through this on this occasion, do you remember then the subject

coming up of your feelings in regard to any injury you

had done Mr. Tilton 1 A. In that order of time do you mean ! with you was over between you and Mr. Moulton, whether that topic suggested any expression by you of your feel-

with Bowent A. I do not recall anything, Sir, at

Q. Was anything said by Mr. Moulton as to the occasion or propriety of you and Mr. Tilton combining! A. Yes, Sir; oh, yes, Sir; that was the-that flowed through every conversation, and was the leading idea - " you and

Mr. Tilton must stand together. Q. As toward or against whom ! A. For the sake of the family and for the sake of his restoration, and for the sake of justice-justice from Bowen to him. Well, as I remember it-I suppose I can't tell, though, what I

thought. Q. No; only what passed between you. Now, did Mr. Moulton at this stage of the conversation, or during the conversation, state to you what he proposed to do and to what result or what effect he proposed to bring matters with Mr. Bowen 1 A. He spoke with the utmost confidence of compelling Bowen to disgorge. Mr. Bowen, as I understood from him, wanted to arbitrate; he did not

Q. Mr. Moulton ! A. Mr. Moulton ; he did not tell me

Q But he told you that he didn't wish to 1 A. Yes. that Mr. Tilton didn't want to, and, as I understand it, he did not, as his adviser; I understood that it was Q. Well, do you remember the expression at this con-

versation that Mr. Moulton used on the subject of being able to bring Bowen to terms; do you remember any particular expression that he used as to what he would bring him to-bring Bowen to! A. Yes, Sir, a good many Q. Well, at this interview I am speaking of now ! A. I

think it was at this interview—it was at one, and I think it was at this—that he said that he would bring him to his marrow-bones; he spoke at this interview of their purpose being to bring Mr. Bowen into such a situation that he would do him justice of himself, without arbitration or legal proceedings; that was the point that they were aiming at, as I understood it.

Q. New, was anything said-do you remember, Mr. Beecher, at this interview, anything of this kind being suggested by Mr. Moulton in regard to this letter to Mr. Bowen, or topic, if you named it:

Mr. Tilton wants to publish this letter and feels that he has taken out of it all that concerns you and your relations with his family; he wants to leave, and he is willing to leave you and Bowen in conflict— Do you remember his expressing Mr. Tilton's purpose in that way ! A. No, Sir; no, Sir, he did not; there was no letter shown to me; there was no discussion that could

Q. Do you remember his saying that he did not approve of such a course-he, himself, Moulton, did not approve of any publication? A. I do not remember it.

MR. MOULTON UPBRAIDS MR. BOWEN. Q. Now, Sir, in that same month of January and at a somewhat later period, did you have an interview with Mr. Moulton at his house, concerning an interview he had had with Mr. Bowen ! A. I did, next day

Q. The next after the interview with Bowen ! A. Yes, Q. Whenever that was-how did this interview between rself and Mr. Moulton come about, and where was it held! A. I suspect it came about by my own wish to hear what happened between him and Mr. Bowen. knew that he was going to see him; intermediately I had given him the document that he asked, and I knew of the

interview. Q. Now, do you remember whether he sent for you or not! A. No, I do not.

Q. Now, it was at his house, was it? A. It was, Q. And wheref A. In the parlor, down-stairs; he was, I think, in his dressing gown and slippers; he was unwell, and he was not much out of his house during all of

those days. Q. About what time is this-about how long after t A. Well, I should say it was somewhere along the 12th or 13th of January, but I will not be certain of the date. Q. Toward the middle of the mouth ! A. Toward the middle of the month

Q. Now, what did Mr. Moulton tell you at this interview as to what had passed between him and Bowen about Mr. Tilton's claim-where had he seen Mr. Bowen ! A. At his house

Q. Weil, at whose house! A. At Moulton's. Q. At his own house-Bowen had come there? A. He had already told me that Mr. Bowen had been invited to come two days before, and appointed the day after tomorrow as I understood at first; and on that night be told me that he was present and that a long and full conversation had passed between them, which conversation he described minutely and dramatically.

Q. Did he show you where Mr. Bowen sat ! A. He did, and how he looked and what he said. Q. Well, just give us this as far as you recall it, Mr. Beecher! A. He detailed to me with some particularity with more particularity than I can rehearse it—the state ment which he made to Mr. Bowen of his treatment o Mr. Tilton, of the infamy of his conduct in procuring Mr. Tilton to write the letter of the 26th, and promised to back it, and then stepped from him to go over to my side; newent into that with relish and effectually. He then also opened, he said, on Bowen in regard to his of me as a parallel instance of treatment

infamy that was almost without example. He rehearsed to him the different stories that he had very soon after, I hunted them up and brought them to reported of me, and that when I had had interviews with never dared to mention one of those stories to my face but only behind my back, and that they never came up except it was to settle some money difficulty between us-and that he then told Mr. Bowen that the last and grand settlement that had taken place between him and me at Mr. Freeland's, in the Spring of that year, or in the early eason or months of the year-

Q. That is, of 18701 A. Of 1870-that at that time he says, "you went over the ground with Mr. Beecher, and you took up every cause of offense that you had against him, professedly, and you, after every one of them had been discussed, and had been settled amicably. and after Mr. Freeiand had come out and shaken hands with both of you, and after you had walked with Mr. Beecher through the streets discussing how you might work together afterward in amity and peace, and after Mr. Beecher, in fulfillment of his promise, had gone to the house of God and had there, in the presence of his people, rehearsed the reconciliation that had taken place between him and you, and you went down and shook hands at the altar with him-how then, within 48 hours, you told a friend, his friend, that you had that that would drive Mr. Beecher out of town in less than 24 hours, if you should speak it; and," said he, " I took that tocument in my hands," said he, "and Lishook it in his face, and he turned as pale as a ghost, and he said, 'What, what shall I dot' and I told him, said I, 'It is not for me to tell you what to do, and he said, he looked up at the portrait that was hanging on the wall and said: 'Why, I shall never be reconciled to that man: I shall never be

able to be reconciled to that man again."

Q. The portrait of whom? A. My portrait; the Paige portrait, I think, was then hanging there, and he said that Mr. Bowen was rendy to do anything. "Well," said I, "why didn't you get the money out of him !" Well, he he said the time was not come-the time was not come Said he, "What Bowen ought to do is to put Tilton back into The Independent-that is what he ought to do."

It being now 1 o'clock, the Court took a recess until 2

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The court met at 2 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment. Mr. Beecher was recalled, and his direct examination

resumed as follows: Mr. Evarts-Mr. Beecher, when Mr. Moulton said, in answer to your inquiry of, why in the mood he found Mr. Bowen he did not exact the money or bring him to the point of paying it-you said that Mr. Moulton said the time had not come yet; did he further explain or state what he meant by that, or did you understand in any way what he did mean I A. I did not understand; I was per-

Q. Now, when in this interview he said to you that the proper thing for Bowen to do-to be accomplished with wen, was that Bowen should put Tilton back on The

Q. I say, when that was said— A. Oh, I beg pardon.
Q. When that was said, in that connection, or otherwise, in that conversation, was anything said by Moulton se to whether Tilton could work on The Christian Union ! A. Not at that interview, I think, Sir; at one not far removed from that; it belonged to that period, and to that state of things.
Q. In the month of January! A. He never said ex-

actly that; he spoke of what a grand thing it would be if Tilton and I could join forces on The Christian Union. Q. Well, what did you reply to that t A. Well, my reply was that that was an absolute impossibility; the circumstances surrounding that paper, and the feelings of the persons engaged in it, would not permit such an asso-

THE HARMONIZING EFFECT OF MR. MOUL-TON'S SICKNESS. Q. Mr. Beecher, do you remember anything of a visit you made when Mr. Moulton was seriously ill and meeting Mr. Tilton there, and having some passage between yourself and him! A. Well, I remem

ber several: it was not an infrequent thing. Q. Do you remember being there at a time when Mr Moulton was regarded by you as seriously ill-danger ously ill 1 A. Yes, Sir.

was in-I cannot say whether it was January or Feb-

Q. Before he went South ! A. Yes, Sir: it was before he went; it was partly in consequence of that sickness

that he went; or mainly in consequence. Q. During that illness, now, do you remember meeting Mr. Tilton there at the house during such a visit of your self to Mr. Moulton when he was very sick, anything passing between you and him! A. I do not seem to recal

anything more than that we met there, Sir. Q. Mr. Tilton has spoken of it as an occasion in which

rou kissed him on the forehead. A. Oh! Q. Do you remember anything concerning that! A. Yes, Sir; he is right by about four inches; I kissed him on his mouth. We came down-I came down from above where I had seen Frank-Mr. Moulton; he was suffering from rhoumatism of the chest and of the heart, as I un derstand, and was in great suffering; and I was very apprehensive; I don't know that it was the physician's udgment, but I was very apprehensive that those attacks he might suddenly go off; and I felt very deep sympathy and concern, and when I came down . Tilton was in the parlor, and I met him, and spoke of him as a friend to both of us, and of what I felt

Q. Spoke of Mr. Moulton ! A. Yes, Sir. Q. To Mr. Tilton? A. Yes, Sir; and what I considered to be his critical condition, and there were some words interchanged, I don't know what, but in the warmth of

that sympathetic moment we kissed each other. Q. Do you remember using any expression like this: Theodore, Frank has saved my life, and I would will ingly to-day give my life-to save Frank's!" A. No, Sir, I don't remember any precise language like that; I may have said that I would be willing almost to give my life

Q. Do you remember any expression of this kind to Mr. Tilton on that occasion:

Frank is very sick; he is at the grave's edge; I am afraid he will die, and if he dies. Theodore, what will then become of your case and mine?

A. No, Sir, I don't recall any such.

Q. Mr. Beecher, I understand you to have said distinetly that the letter of Mr. Tilton to Mr. Bowen was not shown to you or read to you at any interview at this time! A. It was not. Q. And then there was no interview at that time at

which Mr. Tilton was present at which any such occur rence took place! A. No, not within my remembrance; I am sure I should have remembered it. Q. Did any interview occur with Mr. Tilton or Mr. Moulton at this period, during January-this middle from the 7th onward-in which any part of January, relation that you had to that letter, or any connection which Mr. Tilton's and your affairs had with that letter, was the subject of conversation between you and either of these gentlement A. I did not know that there was

any such letter until the Spring of 1872. I knew that there were steps in progress, documents forming, which were to bring a statement before Mr. Bowen, and an influence to procure a settlement, but that it took on the form of a letter, or that it was a letter that I had any thing to do with, or that concerned itself with my affairs, I had no more idea of it than I had of things transacting in China. BESSIE TURNER NOT CALLED A PRATTLER.

Q. Do you remember, Mr. Beecher, whether at any of the interviews spoken of about this middle per-ied of January, or at any time thereabouts, at any interview between Mr. Moulton and yourself, anything of this kind occurred on the subject of Bessie Turner. Did Mr. Moulton tell you that Mr. Tilton thought Eessie Turner was a dangerous person to have about; that she was what Mr. Tilton termed a prattler, and knew of the facts as between Mr. Beecher and Mrs. Tilton 7 A. No, Sir. Shall I give a full knowledge of Miss Bessie Turner 1 Q. No not at the moment; I will inquire. A. No, Sir,

Q. Did anything of that kind occur? A. Nothing of that kind; that is, I am speaking with reference to her

This period in January 7 A. During January Bessie Turner was spoken of, and her stories were spoken of. Q. Yes! A. But I understand your question with refer ence to her necessary removal on account of her knowl edge of my relations to Mrs. Tilton.

Q. Yes; the question was this -- A. There was no such knowledge ever, in any way, brought to me.

Q. And did Mr. Moulton say anything of this kind to

you: "I thought she was better out of the way than here?" and did you reply that you thought so too? A. He never said it, nor I never answered it in any such way. Q. And was it represented to you by Mr. Moulton at any such interview that Mrs. Tilton said, as Mr. Tilton told him, that the best place for her was out West at school! A. No, Sir; I know nothing about her going out

Q. And did he tell you at that time that Mr. Tilton could not afford to pay her expenses, and did you say Well, I will pay the expenses," or, "I will do anything that is necessary to keep the story down," or anything of that kind! A. Nothing of that sort; there was no con sultation with me of any sort or description in respect to the disposal of Bessle Turner. The first knowledge that I had of her whereabouts was when I was called upon to pay her first installment.

MRS. MORSE'S LETTER OF CHARGES.

Q. In the latter part of January of that year, Mr. Beecher, an Interview has been spoken of both by Mr. Moulton and Mr. Tilton, at which a letter of Mrs. Morse was brought under consideration. [To Mr. Shear man.] What is the exhibit 1

Mr. Fullerton-9.

Mr. Shearman-7

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Mr. Fullerton—Yes, 7, on page 9; that is it.
Mr. Evarts—Do you remember a letter of that kind,
received by you, and handed by you to Mr. Moulton? Q. In the end of January-toward the end of January

A. I think it was that. Sir. Mr. Morris-Did you state that it was "Exhibit 9 ?"

Mr. Evarts-7.
Mr. Fullerton-7, on page 9 of that book

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Mr. Evarts [to Mr. Shearman]—Are you sure it was,7 !

Mr. Morris—That must be it. [Producing "Exhibit 7."]

Mr. Evarts—Please took at that, Mr. Beecher, and see whether you remember that. [Handling witness "Exhibit 7."] A. I recollect this letter. Q. Well, Mr. Beecher, you remember that letter! A. I

remember that letter, Sir.

Q. Now, on receiving that letter what did you do with it, or about it ! A. I carried it to Mr. Moulton. Q. Did you have a conversation with him on the

Q. Did he read the letter ! A. I presume he did. Sir.

Q. You handed it to him ! A. I gave him the letter and Q. Yes, but as to your interview about it ? A. Oh! Yes. Q. Did you have a conversation about it? A. Yes, Sir

Q. Well, did he read the letter? A. Yes, he read the Q. In your presence. What— Mr. Beach—He didn't say so. Mr. Evarts-Well, is that sof A. What, Sir!

Q. Did he read the letter in your presence before this onversation† A. He did. Q. What then was said about it; did you ask him any advice, and did he give you any suggestion f A. I did; I asked him how the letter better be treated, and he said he thought it would be better that it should be treated

mildly and kindly. Q. What did he say, if anything, about Mrs. Morse! A. Well, he said Mrs. Morse was half crazy; he said that she imagined a great many things, that she hated Theedore Tilton, that she was in the habit of either telling stories or magnifying incidents so as that they did not represent the truth; that she was unrestrained except

by her love of her daughter.

Q. Was anything said about the credibility of her charges in that letter, or his belief of any of them? A. There was-I don't think that there was then a specific denial; I received that at a subsequent interview with Mr. Tilton; but I think there was—it was assumed that these were to be treated-this whole letter was to be treated as the hallucination of Mrs. Morse; the charges were denied in so far as they respected Mr. Tilton's talking about affairs.

Q. Yes. Mr. Moulton said that that was not true, did he! A. Yes, Sir. MR. BEECHER'S ANSWER TO MRS. MORSE.

Q. And afterward did you write an answer to that letter ! A. I did. Sir. Q. And did you show it! [To Mr. Morris.] Is that with it, Mr. Morris ! [Mr. Morris produced the letter called for.] Mr. Evarts-Was this written in Mr. Moulton's presence

was written in his presence, Sir; it is not my paper.

Q. It is your writing. You mean— A. This is, I suspect, the sketch that I drew up of the letter, and which he approved, and that I then went home and sent the letter to her; that I judge it to be; I never use ruled

was the subject of conversation, was Mr. Tilion also present? A. He was at one; I don't know whether it was

one and the same or whether it was a subsequent one. Q. At this interview was anything said about one passage in that letter which imputes to Mr. Tilton having stated that you preached to forty of your mistresses? There is a passage in that letter of Mrs. Morse which charges that Mr. Tilton stated it. A. Well, Sir, is that

charge made in that letter? Mr. Beach here shook his head negatively.

The Witness-[Sotto roce.] So I thought. Mr. Evarts-I believe there is nothing in that letter, Mr.

Beecher, on this subject ! A. What, Sir ! Q. I believe there is nothing in that letter on that subject ? A. That letter contains simply a charge of repeating the story of his domestic difficulties and troubles, as I recollect it.

Q. Now was there any conversation at this or either of these interviews at the end of January, if there were more than one, at which these topics were up, of Mrs. Morse, or her letter—was there anything said about whether or no Mr. Tilton had told more or less persons, 12 persons, I think is mentioned, of your (Mr. Beecher's) eriminal relationship with Mrs. Tilton ? A. No, Sir; there was nothing in the letter of that, and nothing in the con-

Mr. Beach-It is entirely irrelevant. I think the forepart of that answer, Sir, should be excluded.

Judge Neilson-Well, it may be excluded. Mr. Bench-Strike it out.

Judge Neilson-It goes to the contents of the letter. Mr. Evarts-Well, the letter will speak for itself. Mr. Beach-It was not called for.

NO CHARGE OF IMPROPER RELATIONS BE-FORE JANUARY, 1871. Q. Well, at that interview and when that

etter-was anything said-Mr. Beach-Well, he as said that there was nothing said. Mr. Evarts [continuing]-about your having toldabout Mr. Tilton having told any number of persons, 12 or any other number, of your criminal relationship—it is printed here; it should be "relations"—with Mrs. Til-

ton! A. There was no such conversation about criminal relation to Mrs. Tilton. Q. Was-at any time in any of these conversations, from the beginning on to the period we have now reached, say the end of January, 1871-any mention made in your hearing by Mr. Moulton or Mr. Tilton that there were any criminal relations, or ever had been, between you and Mrs. Tilton? A. No, no mention and no implication.

used by either of those gentlemen, or any one else in your presence! A. No, none; no such term. Q. Now, did anything of this kind occur at this interview, or either of these interviews at the end of January; did Mr. Tilton say to you :

Q. Was any word "crime," in regard to your conduct,

I then said that after Mrs. Tilton had made her con-fession to me in July, 1870, that I had shortly after that informed Oliver Johnson and Mrs. Martha Bradshaw that during the Summer I had informed no other person, but I told him possibly 12 did know of that fact. Was there any conversation of that kind that had

anything to do with any criminal relations between you and Mrs. Tilton? A. No, nothing. Q. Nothing ! A. Nothing.

Q. No suggestion ! Mr. Beach-it seems to me, your Honor, that this is in-

Mr. Evarts. [To the witness.] Now, was there any-Mr. Beach-One moment. It seems to me that that question calls for the judgment of the witness. The question is whether anything of that kind was said, having anything to do with criminal relations. If the question is whether anything of that kind was said, that may

be proper, but I submit that it is not proper to call for the judgment of the witness by asking what it related to. Mr. Evarts-The examination of the witness, Tilton, takes the confession apply to criminal relations. Mr. Beach-That follows from what was said.

Mr. Beach-Yes.

Mr. Evarts-The question is whether that subject was eniloned, and I have asked him about that, and he says nothing was said of that kind about any criminal Judge Nellson-You purpose, I suppose, to confine

Mr. Evarts-Yes, Sir; that is my point. Mr. Beach-That is very well, to confine himself to the pecific statement of the other witness, but to ask whether that specific statement related to any criminal relations, is to ask for the conclusion of the witness, without calling for what was said.

Mr. Evarts-I think not. The conversation opens the statement by Mr. Tilton that Mr. Moulton wanted to know whether he told 12 persons of Mr. Beecher's criminal relations with Mrs. Tilton, and Mr. Beecher says that no such question as that was asked, nor was that subject spoken of. Then there is considerable narrative by Mr. Tilton, of which there is no importance, at least for any purpose that I have in view, except to show that whether it occurred or not it had not anything to do with criminal relations; and I asked Mr. Beecher, therefore, whether at that conversation anything was said about any communications that had been made to any other persons concerning any criminal relations between Mr.

Mr. Beach-That is not the question. If it had been, I

probably should not have objected to it. Mr. Evarts-Well, that is perhaps my fault. Now, Mr. The Witness-No. Sir, there was no such-whatever it may be. [A pause.] Mr. Evarts, your question was so

tong, and it hung fire so while the discussion was going on, that I do not know that my answer fits exactly to it. Mr. Beach-No, but your former answer did, Mr. You answered the question before I got on in my objection.

Mr. Evaris-Now, were the names of Mr. Oliver Johnon and of Mrs. Martha Bradshaw, as persons to whom anything had been communicated, introduced at those conversations, or either of them, in the end of January † A. I think not, Sir; if they were, I do not remember it.

Both of their names came in later, but I do not recall them as being mentioned as early as this. Q. At either of those conversations was there snything aid about Mr. Tilton having said or reported that you preached to forty mistresses, or any number of mis-tresses, in your church? A. No, Sir; not as late as the

Q. When did any conversation occur about that ! A. I should think it was somewhere about during the first two weeks of January. I went to Mr. Moulton with a statement that Mr. Tilton had made that statement, that it had been brought to me by credible authority; and this was after things were in a train for harmonious adjust-

ment. He denied it in behalf of Mr. Tilton. Q. Moulton did! A. Yes, Sir; subsequently he plained to me that he had seen Mr. Tilton, and that Mr. Tilton had rectified the statement which he had made in

the quarter it was likely to do injury. Q. That is the conversation on that subject as you rec-Heet it 7 A. Yes, Sir. Q. Was anything said at these conversations, or either of them, in regard to information given by Mr. Tilton concerning relations between you and Mrs. Tilton to her

mother, Mrs. Morse; were you informed at either of those conversations by Mrs. Tilton-by Mr. Tilton-that Mrs. Tilton had informed her mother, Mrs. Morse! A. I do not recall it. Q. Was anything said about Mr. Joseph Richards, Mrs. Tilton's brother, having come to him (Tilton) and asked him whether or not he had noticed Mr. Beecher's visits to his house, and whether he was quite sure that they were altogether of a pastoral character-was there any

sation of that character ! A. Between me and whom ! Q. And Mr. Tilton ! A. No, Sir; no, Sir. Q. Was there anything said to you by Mr. Tilton of this nature, that Mrs. Morse was propagating the statement in this way, namely, that she was saying among her family and relatives that Theodore made such and such charges against Elizabeth, and that her method of defatal way of prepagating the charges themselves ! A. I shall have to hear that again, Sir: I did not get exactly the hang of the question.

Q. The question is whether, in this conversation, Mr.

Tilton said to you— A. All these things!

Q. Anything of this kind. Whether he told you that Mrs. Morse was propogating the story in this way, namely, that she was saying among her family and relatives that Theodore made such and such charges against Elizabeth, and that her method of denouncing him (that , Tilton,) for making such charges, was a very fatal way of propogating the charges themselves; that is, that Mrs. Morse's denunciation of him for making these charges against his wife was a mode of giving publicity to the charges themselves † A. I don't remember any such conversation. I think it is impossible for such a statement to be remembered, had it even been made; but I do not or shown to him, or how otherwise! That seems to be a think that the substance that I seem to gather out from that question came into conversation between us Various and divers were the conversations in respect to there may have fallen out, incidentally, one thing or another bearing upon it, but it was scattered up and paper; I am particular in my paper.
Q. It is written in penell? A. In penell; yes, Sir.
Mr. Evarts—This is Exhibit E. [To the witness.] At this interview, or at any other interview where this letter it said to you by either Mr. Moulton or Mr. Tilton that

any such story was a story of criminal relations between you and Mrs. Tilton! A. Never. Mr. Tilton nor Mr. Moulton never stated to me that Mrs. Morse was circulating that I had had criminal intercourse with her

daughter. Q. Nor anything of that kind ! A. Nor anything of that

Q. You remember, Mr. Beecher, that there are three letters in evidence, all bearing date on the 7th of Feb. ruary, 1871 ! A. I do, Sir.

MR. BEECHER'S AID ASKED FOR THE GOL. DEN AGE.

Q. Now, Sie, do you remember an interview shortly preceding that date, and with whom? A. With

Mr. Moulton. Q. Where was that? A. At his house. Q. Was the subject of whether or no Mr. Bowen would restore Mr. Tilton to The Independent brought up by Mr.

Mr. Fullerton-That is a leading question, and very Mr. Evarts-Why !

Mr. Fullerton-Well, because the witness recollects the

nterview, and should state what it was before a leading question is put. Mr. Evarts-I don't want the whole of the interview. Mr. Fullerton-Well, I don't want that part of it in

Mr. Evarts-Well, that is the part I do want, and I have

Mr. Fullerton-Will the stenographer please read the question?

The Tribune stenographer read the question as follows; Was the subject of whether or no Mr. Bowen would re store Mr. Tilton to The Independent brought up by Mr.

Moulton ?"

Mr. Fullerton-You cannot find a leading question, if that is not one. Mr. Evarts-It is a question that indicates the subject

about which I asked whether it was or was not brought into the conversation.

Mr. Fullerton-And hence it is leading. Mr. Morris-It calls for an answer yes or no. Judge Neilson-You might ask whother anything was said on that subject, and if so, what. It is rather lead-

Mr. Evarts-Was anything said at this conversation, as to whether or no Mr. Bowen would restore' Mr. Tilton to The Independent? A. I don't recall it in connection wit that interview.

you do recollect it ! A. I don't know; I don't remember what the commencement was. I remember the sub

Q. Well, was Mr. Tilton's relations or expectations i regard to The Independent made the subject of conversa

Mr. Beach-At that interview.

Mr. Evarts-At that interview The Witness-At that interview !

Q. Yes. A. My own impression is that they were not. Q. Well, was anything said about any other paper! A. Yes, Sir. Q. What was that ! A. Well, The Golden Age was then

under discussion. "Tilton is going to have a paper for

himself," was the key-note, and it was desirable go on f Q. Yes; you may go on. A. I don't pretend to give t order of thought, nor the language; but the body of the interview, or the discussion, was that Mr. Tilton mu have an organ for himself, that he shan't be voiceless n out out, and that with my influence and that of my friends, and that of his friends, a journal could be established; and if we were to stand together unitedly and if I would sincerely and cordially aid, everything might be accomplished that was desirable. At that interview he expressed more fully what he had intimated at several interviews, that one great hindrance to Mr. Tilton's happiness and case of working, was that Elita-beth did not do her part at home; that she was discontented and sullen, and that it was impossible to expect a man of genius (and Mr. Moulton spoke of Mr. Tilton as a man of genius), to work all day-"for," he said, "isn't it grand that he has just gone over there and taken off his coat and gone to work right at the bottom again, as if he had never had a posttion, and is trying to earn his bread t" He spoke of it as yourself to the specific statements of the other witimpossible for a man of genius to return home at night and find his wife crying or sitting at the head of the table sullen and unconversable; and that it irritated him. He

> make her." That was the general form of the counsel, and then he suggested that to unify ourselves and take away all friction, and to give to this new enterprise the advantage of perfect unity of feeling and counsel, it would be a good thing if I should write a letter to him, Moulton, for him to show to Mr. Tilton, expressive-committing himself on paper to the expression of my cordiality toward him, and also a letter to Mrs. Tilton (with whom I had more influence, he said, than any living being,) in order to bring her under Mr. Moulton's counsel, which would be concurrent with my counsel and judgment, and so the family would be brought in, Mr. Tilton would make a happy home for him-I would help him, Frank would help him, our friends would help him; and, with his power and experience and skill, he would have a journal that it was not an unwise plan; I wrote the letters to him and to her, and put them in Mr. Moulton's hands. Q. Now, you have spoken heretofore, Mr. Beecher, of

said, "Theodore is the easiest man to be led by his affect

tions that ever lived. Elizabeth can do anything with

him, and she must do her part, and you must help to

had or had not been abandoned! A. He told me in the interview following the interview with Mr. Bowen that he had made that suggestion to Mr. Bowen, and that Mr. Bowen had not rejected it, but said he did now see how it could be-how he could put him back.

THE DESPONDENT LETTER TO MRS. TILTON

Mr. Moulton saving that the principal thing to be done

or to be aimed at was that Mr. Bowen should put M.

Tilton back on The Independent. Previous to this con-

versation that you now speak of, had you heard in any

way from Mr. Moulton whether that expectation or pla 1

PARTLY DICTATED BY MOULION. O. And this had preceded your conversation about the new paper! A. That was the conversation

somewhere about the 12th or 13th, and this was in Fet ruary, just before the 7th.

Mr. Evarts—Now, these letters—what are the numbers of them, Mr. Morrist Mr. Morris-I think a more convenient way will be to

read the letters from the case.

Mr. Evarts—Perhaps we have them here on our notes.

Mr. Morris—They are in, and have been read. Mr. Evarts-Two of them are in; I do not know that all three are. [To the witness.] Mr. Beecher, there was third letter of Mr. Tilton's to Mr. Moulton. [To Mr. Mor ris.] I think if you can get those letters conveniently if

will be better. Mr. Morris-What are the numbers! Mr. Evarts [to Mr. Fullerton] - What are they ! Mr. Fullerton-9, 10 and 11.

[Mr. Morris produces the letters.]
Q. Please say if these are the two letters that you wrote! A. Yes, Sir; that is the one to Mr. Moulton, and this is the one to Mrs. Tilton. Q. Now, there is a third letter from Mrs. Tilton to Mr.

Moulton, of the same date. Please look at that and say

whether you saw that at or about the time of its date, or

when for the first time! A. I cannot say certainly

whether I saw it immediately after that. There was no oncurrent interview following the writing of these letters.
Q. No interview in which the three met, you mean? A. Q. And your two letters were written independent of eeing this! A. Yes, Sir; without seeing that at all.

Q. This letter, Mr. Beecher, to Mrs. Tilton begins in this My Dear Mrs. Tilton: When I saw you last I did not ex-pect ever to see you again, or to be alive many days. God was kinder to me than were my own thoughts.

Q. When was the last time, prior to this 7th day of February, that you had seen Mrs. Tilton! A. I suppose I had not seen her since the interview of December 30.

Q. Well, that is your recollection ! A. That is my recollection of the purport of this opening sentence.

Q. And of the fact that you had not seen her! A. Yes,

Q. And you used this expression; "When I saw you last I did not expect ever to see you again or to be alive many days;" now what was there in your situation thas led you to have an impression of that shortness of your life! A. That was the shortness of both our lives, Sir. She looked to me as one already bespoken for by God's angels; and in the terrible whirl to which I was sul jected-the flery excitement-it did not seem to me that I could live long.

Q. And in that view it was of her life, and your own

feelings, that you wrote that expression ! A. Yes, Sir. Q. In concluding this letter, Mr. Beecher, you say, This is sent with Theodore's consent, but he has not read it." Was that the fact, as you understood it, that Mr. Tilton had not rend the letter! A. Yes, Sir; I understood it so; but that close was the suggestion of Mr.

Moulton, and-

Q. I was going on to the next sentence Will you return it to me by his hands! I am very carnest in this wish, for all our sakes, as such a letter ought not be subject to even chance of miscarriage.

Was that clause the subject of conversation between